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M'KINLEY HAS THE CALL!

CAN HE WIN OUT AGAINST THE FIELD, IS THE QUESTION.

Appropriation for Howard University.

Some Pertinent Queries that Present Themselves to an Unbiased Correspondent—X Rays Turned on the Harrison Sentiment—The First Negro Pressman—Preparing for the Christian Endeavor Convention—Other Matters.

Washington, D. C., Special.

Washingtonians throughout these troublous times are keeping their best aural organ close to the ground. They are alert to detect the slightest sound, and to cheer or murmur, according to the effect produced upon the fortunes of their respective favorite in the great presidential handicap. The writer is no politician, and has no disposition to thrust himself as a partisan into the seething flames of this most remarkable contest. The correspondent is but a "chronicler of the times," uninfluenced by prejudices, political, religious, social or personal. The situation looks decidedly like McKinley. Ohio's favorite son seems to have the call. With delegates already pledged from the South, from the West and Middle States; with dents made into the supposed solid walls of other big booms; with the startling inroads into Reed's New England preserver, as evidenced by the result in New Hampshire; with Morton threatened in New York, and Quay guessing in Pennsylvania, it is difficult for the layman in political science to understand how this McKinley cataract can be headed off. Like an avalanche, it has been carrying everything before it. Few more than sixty days remain for the opposition to line up its forces. Can the differences and conflicting interests of a dozen aggressive leaders be harmonized in that time? Is there a platform big enough for Reed, Allison, Morton, Cullom, Manderson, Bradley, Evans, Quay, Platt, Clarkson, Teller, Carter and the rest to exploit themselves upon in amity, or a single candidate who can satisfy their multifarious consideration? Can Jason find his golden fleece, with but sixty odd days to go upon? Aye, there's the rub! Even with a combination of opposing elements, is that union stong enough to overcome the normal McKinley strength, even should the first ballot fail to nominate? Can the united field beat McKinley, if his natural forces can be kept firmly together to a finish? A politician, whose experience dates back into reconstruction times, said to your correspondent:

"I am for McKinley," said he, "for I regard him as one of the ablest and purest men in public life to-day. He is undeniably the strongest factor in the race, and has been since '93, but his marvelous strength may prove his greatest weakness. History points to Clay, Seward, to Blaine in '76, to Grant in '80, and to Sherman in '88. The leader lost in each of these notable instances. Can the field combine? I do not think there is time enough now unless the magnates determine upon an issue of 'anything to beat McKinley' and cast every prejudice to the winds in practically a single night. There is a speck upon the horizon, perhaps at this moment no larger than a man's hand. If danger comes to Major McKinley, it is in that speck. Should the contest at St. Louis, by some means, be prolonged, that speck will grow into a robust and positive form, I opine, will offer the most available rallying point for all outside the McKinley stockade. It stands for every Republican idea, and represents safe, conservative leadership. Well, that speck is the Harrison sentiment. If there is to be a dark horse at St. Louis, I stake my reputation as a guesser that it will be Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana."

So far, so good. Now more queries. Can Messrs. Platt, Quay & Co. reconcile their old time antipathy to the Ex-President? Will the other "boomers" take kindly to the plan? Will Mr. Harrison himself permit such an arrangement as long as Mr. McKinly has a chance. Time only can tell. The situation is frought, with perplexities and uncertainties. In the game of politics victory often hangs upon the turn of a single card. June 16th there will be a showing of hands, for a round up. In the meantime the Ohio Napoleon is a number of points to the good, and is playing in phenomenal luck. Mr. McKinley looks like a winner. The wise man is awaiting developments.

HOWARD IS ALL RIGHT NOW.

The faculty, pupils and friends of Howard University were treated to a bit of a scare last week when the House committee on appropriations brought in the sundry civil bill with the usual allowances for Howard and two other local institutions stricken entirely from the list. This action was partially the result of the recent fight against the District appropriation bill, which originally provided for sectarian and parochial schools. There was quite a flurry at Howard, but President Rankin took matters coolly, and announced that should Congress fail to do its duty, the institution had private resources and multitudes of friends, and that there would be no danger of a suspension. The sensation subsided, and the next chapter of the story was awaited. It came in splendid shape Wednesday, when the committee of the whole, having under consideration the sundry civil bill, reinserted as an amendment the Howard University clause, and appropriated $32,500 for its maintanance. The amendment was offered by Hon. Walter Evans, of Kentucky and went through without objection from Chairman Cannon from the committee on appropriations, whose axe had been used so effectively. The "learning factory" on the Hill is doing business at the old stand, working full time, and is in the best of spirits.

IN A GOSSIPY VEIN.

An effort is being made to adjourn Congress May 2nd.

Dr. Frank J. Webb of the Treasury Department expects to lacate in St. Louis soon for the practice of medicine.

Rev. O. M. Walker of St. Luke's Episcopal church, has in charge a large class. Bishop Saterlee has arranged for confirmation ceremonies about the first of May.

A new colored paper has been launched. It is published weekly, and bears the euphonious title of the Columbia Sentinel. W. Walter Taylor is given as the editor and business manager, and the Sentinel Publishing Company stands sponsor for the financial end.

Hon. J. C. Napier, a leading attorney of Nashville, Tenn., was in the city last week, accompanied by Mrs. Napier, visiting the latter's parents, Hon. and Mrs. J. M. Langston. Mr. Napier is enthusiastic over the coming exposition, scheduled for Nashville in 1897.

Easter was appropriately observed in all of Washington's great churches. St. Lukes and St. Mary's Episcopal prepared special floral and musical offerings at 11 a. m.; Fifteenth street Presbyterian rendered a sacred cantata; St. Augustine (Catholic) held early mass and a song service; Metropolitan A. M. E. and Nineteenth street Baptist churches held song services in the evening. The attendance was large everywhere.

The committee on speakers for the Emancipation Celebration on April 16th has announced the following named gentleman as officers and speakers for the occasion: Robert Holliday, Esq., presiding officer of the day; Rev. Robert Johnson, D. D., chaplain; E. V. Davis, master of ceremonies; Prof. William H. H. Hart orator of the day; L. G. Fletcher, jr., to read the edict; Rev. George W. Lee and Col. Perry H. Carson will make short addresses.

Bishop Henry Yates Saterlee confirmed a class of thirty-four candidates last week at St. Mary's Episcopal chapel. Rev. O. L. Mitchell is the rector in charge, and has devoted several weeks to the instruction of this class. There were present, beside the new bishop of Washington diocese, Rev. Dr. Mackey-Smith, Rev. Dr. Stewart, Rev. W. V. Trummell, and Rev. R. S. W. Wood. A large audience was in attendance.

Sporadic criticism of Booker T. Washington's speech is cropping out here and there, chiefly among those who persistently refuse to properly understand his meaning and purpose. They only serve to give Mr. Washington wider advertisement, and afford him and his coworkers an opportunity to demonstrate the feebleness of the average objection. Somebody has said, "Dogs may bark at the moon, but the moon shines right on." So will Booker Washington's work go on, regardless of whimperings and vaporings of chronic gamblers and race reactionists.

Mr. T. A. Sembly read a paper Wednesday evening before the Metropolitan Baptist Lyceum, "Is the Civil Service Law best Adopted to the Welfare of the Nation?" arguing in the negative. The speaker was supported by Mr. S. G. Thompson of the District, Mr. R. W. Thompson of Indiana, and Mr. Arthur Lynch defended the principle of civil service reform and the merit system as the safest guarantee of good government of efficient service, of correct business methods and the survival of the fittest. The large audience seemed to agree with the latter position. Editor W. Calvin Chase is the next speaker. His subject is "Race Apologists."

Arrangements are being made for the entertainment of the delegates to the Christian Endeavor convention. The session will open July 8 and continue until the 13th. The Afro-American committee is at work, and will do its best to make the colored delegates and visitors comfortable. The prevalent race prejudice of this section is causing no little embarrasment, but it is hoped that the traditional southern hospital will inspire our managers of public resorts to suspend all restrictive customs for one week at least. In any event the visitros will be handsomely cared for. The general Afro-American headquarters will probably be the Metropolitan A. M. E. church.

The first colored pressman to serve in the Government Printing office was assigned to duty last week by the biggest, broadest and best of all public printers, Hon. Thomas E. Benedict. The lucky appointee is Mr. Edward L. Carter of Bay City, Mich., but he comes here from Nashville, Tenn., where he managed with conspicuous ability the press department of the A. M. E. Sunday School Publishing House. Mr. Carter has created an excellent impression upon his fellow-craftsmen, and is regarded by the superintendents as a thoroughly equipped and painstaking workman. He is intelligent and of pleasing address. Fortunately he carries the card of the International Printing Pressmen's Union and will have no gauntlet to run more serious than a period of probation. As to his success, his friends have no apprehensions. The Negro industrial problem gradually nears a solution.

As to the Bishopric.

Much is being said about certain men as "fit timber," for the bishopric, etc., and from the look of things the greatest per cent of the delegates to the coming General Conference are aspirants for the bishopric or general office. The mania for these high offices seem to increase every four years. The cry for the last three or four general conferences has been more bishops. I believe we ought to fill the vacancies and no more. Men who are overly ambitious and and anxious for office seldom ever prove a benefit or blessing to God and his church. Every good pastor or presiding elder of the great A. M. E. church won't make good bishops. Pulpit oratory is not enough to recommend a man to the office of a bishop. The office should seek the men, and not them the office. Unbias, broad-minded christian gentlemen with good executive ability is what we want—men whom the humble to the highest member can approach or be heard—men who will be bishops de facto. We want educated men, but it won't do to put much stress upon that, for many of our bishops could not show their "sheep skin," but have proved a great blessing to mankind, and an honor in the church of God as its chief pastors. All praise to our present bishops, but brethren the crisis of our church at this period requires great vigilance in the selection of bishops. The church would be safe in the hands of such men as Drs. J. H. Armstrong, J. C. Embry, D. W. Johnson, C. S. Smith, W. H. Hunter, and L. J. Coppin. Of course there are others who would be safe, but I speak of these as having had the most experience in all the walks of life—men who are eminently qualified to grace any chair. Let the young men give way to the fathers and be content with the general offices for a while and the church will elevate them in due time. Drs. Jno. N. Abby, T. A. Thompson, J. A. Davis, H. D. Canady, K. M. Cheeks, H. T. Johnson, Dr. Walls of South Carolina and many others would make good general officers: Many alterations need to be made in the discipline of our church. We spend too much on delegates to go to the general conference to filibuster for office and then run away if defeated. The Tennessee delegation are a fine set of gentlemen and we believe will do all they can for the good of the people.

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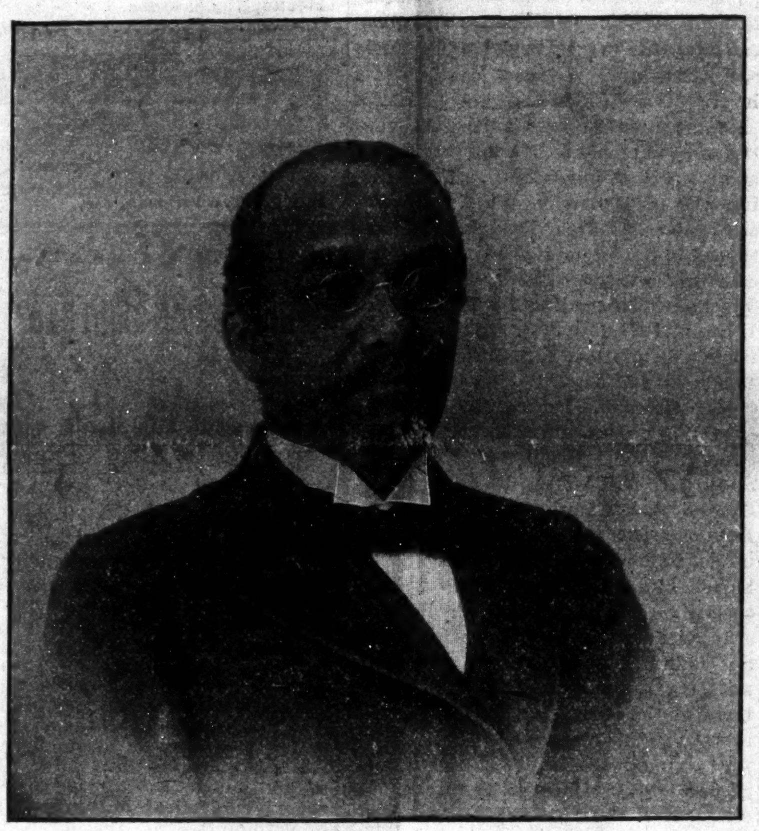

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JOHN L. WALLER'S STORY.

EX-CONSUL TALKS TO A REPORTER BEFORE SAILING FOR HOME.

He Tells of His Hurried Conviction and and the Brutality of French Officers on Board the Steamer.

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LONDON, April 4th.—Mr. John L. Waller, formerly United States consul at Tamatave, Island of Madagascar, arrived in this city a short time ago, after his release at the instance of the United States government, from the French prison, in which he had been confined under the sentence of twenty years' imprisonment imposed on him by a court martial for having correspondence with the Hovas. He has been living in retirement since his arrival, and on the advice of his agents, who are formulating a claim against the French government, has not received any representatives of the English press. However, Mr. Waller, who sailed for New York to-day, made a statement to the Associate Press before his departure. It is the first time he has told his story to a reporter.

"You will remember that Tamatave was bombared by the French in December, 1894," he began. "I was then living at Tamatave. Shortly after the bombardment I wrote to my wife, who was living up country. In my letter I merely described the event, referred to the sanitary condition of the town and the number of French soldiers there, but I did also describe some of the barbarities I witnessed particularly the ravishing of the Hova women by French soldiers. On March 3, 1895, I was arrested at Tamatave. I asked for time to obtain witness and to know on what the charges against me were based. I was told they were two in number. First, for violation of an order of Jan. 18, 1893, regarding sending any letters except through the French port; second, violation of one of the articles of the French military code, by corresponding with the enemy regarding French operations in Tamatave. I was at first refused counsel, but afterwards obtained the services of M. La Gray. He had only forty-eight hours in which to look into my case. The trial was held on March 20th, 1895, and only lasted an hour. My lawyer frequently told the court that such charges as were adduced would be laughed at in a civil court trial. However, I was condemned to twenty years' solitary confinement.

"On the 23rd of March I was placed on a steamer bound for Marseilles. I was told that I would be given a stateroom for the voyage. However, when I reached the boat I was conducted to the hold and made to sit down on the platform which is just underneath the hatchway for lowering freight. My guard, who was a brutal French soldier, simply said in reply to my question regarding a room: 'You sit there.' A few moments afterward a huge iron bar was brought and placed on the floor in front of me. To this my ankles were chained. I was then unable to change my position, even enough to lie on my side. The rabble of Tamative had followed me from the jail to the steamer. They came on board, and, standing on the deck, spat down on me. I was soon completely covered with their saliva. I appealed to my guard and to several of the French soldiers, but they only laughed at me. As night came on it began to rain, and I lay, powerless to to move, with the tropical rain beating down on me. Being wet in that climate is always followed by fever, unless ones clothes are immediately changed. In the morning I was trembling with chills. At 8 o'clock some breakfast was brought me. It consisted of soup with rice and curry in it and a piece of bread. I could not eat, and begged for a cup of tea. One of the soldiers drew his sabre and exclaimed: 'Eat that.'

"I was only released from my chains twice a a day, ten minutes in the morning and ten in the afternoon. I was given but two meals a day. All my efforts had been taken away from me and I was ill provided with clothing. I had but one an a half franc with me. After leaving Zanzibar I gave this to a soldier and told him to buy me some oranges. He took the money, and when I saw him next day said he had lost it. A few French officers came on board at Zanzibar. One of them remonstrated with my guard and I was released from my chains. Another officer, seeing me released, said: 'You are an enemy to France. To-night when you are asleep I will cut your throat and throw you overboard.' I had been given a room, and my guard slept in it near me. That night I was aroused by a noise in my room, and saw this officer standing at the foot of my bed. I got up and dressed and started to go on deck. He followed me and struck me on the back of the head as I was ascending the stairway and knocked me down. I got up, and fearful for my life, struck him in the face, cutting it open. The officers of the ship came, and I appealed to them for protection. I was assured by them and by the French officers who had befriended me that nothing would be done to me for my action in defending myself. After this episode the Frenchman kept away from me.

"Going through the Suez canal I was agained chained, and again as we approached Marseilles. At Marseilles I was conducted to a dirty, filthy prison. I only remained there a few days, and then handcuffed to two other prisoners, was taken to the military prison at Claravaux. Here the food was so bad that I could not retain it on my stomach. I appealed to the governor of the prison and he sent the doctor to examine me. From Claravaux I was transferred to the prison at Nimes. On Feb. 20th, 1896, a prison official arrived and told me that my pardon had been received. With it came a message from Mr. Eustis, in Paris, directing me to draw on him for money. I wish particularly to state that in making my application for pardon, I made no argeement whatever to waive my claims for damage against the French government.

THE POWER OF THE PRESS!

THE GREAT A. M. E. CHURCH BOTH A RELIGIOUS AND RACE

Organization — Broad-Minded, Unselfish, and Fearless Men Wanted — Race Awakening to Their Needs — The Orator.

I must again apologize for coming to the columns of a paper intended for general readers with an article treating upon questions that are usually discussed through the magazines, but The Freeman reaches such a wide range of readers and gives attention to such a variety of subjects that it can appropriately place on its pages articles either grave or gay, either trite or ponderous. I wish to write my opinion of the part which the pen and printers' ink are capable of taking in the difficult task of bringing the race into touch with the thoughts, ideas, sentiments, and activities of the civilization in which it is being drowned. There exists a strong sentiment against the Negro Press, and an ill-concealed disposition to belittle the aims and work of the Negro editors. Until a few years ago there were a great many prominent men of the race who openly sneered at the Negro journals and who felt for them neither respect nor fear. This was rendered possibly by the fact that no editor had, up to that time, possessed the courage or been pushed by circumstances to assert his influence and boldly prove his power.

The preacher, the orator, and the politician were the great leaders and spokesmen of the people and the press was supposed to have no higher function than that of puffing their great men to the skies. Since the period referred to a great change has taken place. T. Thomas Fortune, Geo. L. Knox and Editor Cooper are to-day possessed of greater power to influence the Negro than any other three men of the race. With a few strokes of the pen they can reach more people in one week than any ten orators could during a year of solid work. In a few brief sentences they can expose the folly of the mighty and bring to naught the schemes of the most crafty. There are still some men in high places who affect an indifference to the Negro Press, which they are far too wise to really feel. It is only the grossly ignorant members of the race who are now beyond the reach of our newspapers. One drop of printer's ink is now mightier than rivers of eloquence.

The old and the young, the earnest and the trifling all read our papers and are influenced by them. Indeed, the press has much greater influence over the opinions of the people than it has the merit to deserve. The papers of the race have not yet reached that point of conscious responsibility which would lead them to exercise close care in selecting their writers. A great many half-matured thoughts are permitted to find place and a great many hasty opinions are given publicity. The most inferior books are lauded to the skies by incompetent critics, the most inferior persons are praised beyond all proportion to their merits by sycophantic friends, and in many instances the most ill-advised measures are urged with an abandonment to terrific zeal that is alarming. There are but a few editors of the race who have yet become judicial, critical, and discriminating in their selection of articles. But the wide open door is not without much argument in its favor. It is this very freedom which has quickened the race to thought and which has aroused it to earnest discussion. In most cases the soundness of the editorial page has counterbalanced the erratic fervor of the lay writer. Gradually there have loomed up from the great and motley array of writers some who have won public confidence and gained public esteem. Thus more than a dozen of our papers have built up a staff of regular contributors whose services are of immeasurable worth. B. Square, Bruce Grit, Alice Ruth Moore, Victoria Earle, and a few more belong to this class. What we need more than anything else are writers who will discuss persons. We need writers who are capable of making fine, close analysis of motive, keen, trenchant observations of the human heart, and a psychological elucidation of the passions which so frequently sway the multitude and seem to direct the activities of the race. We must be taught to stand off and look at ourselves and make sober and impartial comparisons between ourselves and other people. We must be trained to understand ourselves and our peculiar task as a part of the social whole.

It would do great good if many of the conceited and boastful members of the race who strut about in superfine toggery could just get in a warm room and smell themselves. In short we need writers who are able to make us actually see our defects and behold our faults. There is a great need that we acquire the habit of making a careful analysis of the motives that lie behind the organizations, enterprises, and deeds which we have heretofore praised so blindly. It is no longer possible that an earnest and reflective people should seriously believe in or heartily support that which they cannot understand. Is it possible that we who have breathed the same air as the great people of the other race who control our country should forever be timid followers of bombastic and tyrannical leaders who regard the smallest question as an insult and the slightest expenses of opinion as open rebellion?

The race has responded to the influence of civilization and has produced thousands who are keenly awake to the duties and needs of the hour. In the state of things the very thoughtfulness that is aroused is our greatest danger. There is always a chance that some Peter the Hermit will arise and hurl the multitude along the paths of reckless adventure. Our only safe guards are strong, well balanced, ably edited newspapers and periodicals. The thinking people must be given proper food for thought and their energies must be wisely directed. The private enterprise of a few self-sacrificing Negro editors cannot meet the demands of the hour nor avert the approaching peril. The great churches have a duty to perform. For instance, the great A. M. E. church pays out about $131 880 every four years in salries to Bishops and general officers, but about $15,000 of this goes to men whose task it is to supply literature. The result of their labors for four years is the Recorder, and sixteen numbers of the Review. The Recorder has about 4,500 subscribers and the Review less than 2,000. That is all that this great church is doing to supply the race with literature.

The other churches are doing vastly less. The conditions are changing, we need more literature. Weak, vascillating creatures who will use their high opportunities and mighty influence to please the ignorant, and to promote selfish interests, can do nothing to elevate the race. Men who will promise anything to secure place and position, and who will abandon those upon whose willing shoulders they climbed to honor in order to clutch the skirts of those who can lift them still higher are not of the type that we need. We want men who are able to sink self out of sight, who will think soberly and speak fearlessly; who will befriend the right and stick to the truth though the earth tremble and the stars fall. Such men would be a tower of strength to the Bishops and a blessing of countless value to the people. The Bishops are earnest, unselfish, men who are laboring for the future. Their influence is weakened and their labors hindered when those are changed to interpret them to the people have not the acumen, appreciation, courage and ability to do so.

When the Bishops would speak the editor should be their trumpet, and every note should ring loud and clear, and true. African Methodism has a mission, she has a lesson to teach, a work to perform, and her periodicals should be her voice and it should rise like peals of thunder above the mutterings of the discontented, above the ragings of the rebellious, and should direct every eye and turn every hand to harmonious sight, and labor in the performance of a mighty task that is to be done by myriad toilers. Instead of 5,000 the Recorder should reach 50,000, and instead of 2,000 the Review should reach 20,000. Instead of editorials veiled in sounding words that may mean anything or nothing, the voice of our Recorder should be bold, yet temperate, positive yet gentle, emphatic yet good natured, direct and clear, yet modest and persuasive. The editor should not be the target at which every ill-tempered varlet feels free to fling his dart, but should be the honored and respected counsellor. The A. M. E. church is first a religious and second a race organization. It is something which God has raised up to extend his glory and to elevate a race. It is something with a soul, and that soul, let the thoughtless say what they will, is to express itself to the world through church literature. In the first eighty years oratory was encouraged and orators were applauded because the people were not trained to read, but were quick to hear.

Indeed, the orators of the church have thus far inspired her toilers and lead her vast army. They are still needed although their number is growing scarce. But the task has become too great for their unaided efforts. The writer must catch up their words and coin them into enduring form and send them to vaster audiences. Let us lay aside all passion, all prejudice, all likes and dislikes, and let us lay our hands on such men as God may point out and to them let us for four years entrust the task of developing our literary cohorts and making strong our church press. This plea is earnest, unselfish, and righteous.

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Temple District Conference.

Temple, Tex., Special.

The Temple District Conference convened in Bethel A. M. E. church Taylor, Tex., March 25 to 27 at 10:30 a. m., with Rev. T. C. Denham, D. D., presiding, opening with singing, "Once more we come before our God;" prayer was offered by Rev. T. S. McMorris; singing, "Lord in the morning thou shalt hear;" Dr. Denham read the 8th chapter of Romans as a scripture lesson; Dr. Denham then declared the Conference ready for business On motion, Rev. T. S. McMorris was elected secretary and Rev. J. R. Melontree, A. B., reporter for the Christian Recorder and The Freeman; J. S. Henry was elected marshall. After roll call, the conference heard the reports from the various churches and they showed that the district was in good working condition.

At 3:30 p. m. Bro. J. P. Woodruff preached a touching sermon from the words: "She bound a scarlet line in the window." At 8:00 p. m., the bishop being unable to be present, Dr. T. C. Denham introduced Rev. T. S. McMorris of Belton to preach the opening sermon. The speaker took for a text Eph. 1:21. For thirty minutes the speaker electrified his audience in his usual way, after which five persons joined the church. On the 26th at 9:30 a. m. the conference reassembled. The reports of the various committees were read and approved. At 3:30 p. m. Rev. J. P Pierce preached a very reviving sermon, after which the conference was turned into a general praise meeting. At 8:30 p. m. Rev. Thos. H. Chappee preached from St. John 6:35: "I am the Bread of Life." For eighty-five minutes the speaker held his audience, swaying them at pleasure, until the entire audience was lifted up in spirit. On the third day the conference reassembled to finish the reports. The chairman defered the report on temperance at the afternoon session, and an appreciative audience was out. This was forcibly discussed by J. R. Bryan, T. S. McMorris, J. R. Melontree, A. B. Rev. McMorris moved that the night session be given to the work of education. At night the church was crowded to its utmost capacity. Dr. Denham introduced Rev. J. R. Melontree, A. B., who read the report on education, after which in a becoming manner, J. R. Melontree plead for the attendance of Paul Quinn college, and a contribution was given. He was followed by Rev. J. R. Bryan of Temple, who left no stone unturned. This closed one of the best district sessions ever held in the state. Next session will be held at Cameron, Tex.

The Pleasure Club.

Bloomington, Ill., Special.

The Tuesday afternoon Pleasure Club, numbering fifteen ladies of this city, delightfully entertained their gentlemen friends on the 20th ult. at the home of Mrs. Sophia Scott. Tempting refreshments were served and music and games were enjoyed until a late hour. Miss Josie Wilcox was given a pleasant surprise party Thursday evening at her home on Market street by about thirty of her friends. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing and games. Elijah Douglass has returned to Springfield after an absence of nine months. Miss Frances L. Wyche is visiting Miss Jessie Scott of Lincoln, Ill. Rev J. J. Page is visiting friends in Pontiac, Ill. Messrs. Joseph Dickerson and Jes Hawkins spent Sunday in Chicago. Prince Kohloovomah has organized a Choral Union. He has twenty scholars now. Messrs. Ed. Shoecraft, Will Holly, Richard Holly, Skeet Stokes, Charlie Smith and Archie Hayden were in the minstrel given at the Grand Monday evening by the white bicycle club of this city. The literary society of Mt. Pisgah, B. C., will render a fine program in the near future. John Scribner and Miss Skinner of Cincinnati, O., were married at the brides home on the 16th. The bride and groom arrived in this city on the 18th, and are now living on S. Madison street. Miss Susie Fields of Chicago, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Kitty Kelly returned to her home in Chicago Saturday after spending several weeks with her parents. The Trilby Club gave a banquet on the 30th ult.

Paul Quinn College.

Waco, Tex., Special.

The students assembled in the chapel at 8:45. After prayer by President H. T. Kealing they proceeded to arrange themselves for chip-day. Each captain and his club was assigned to one of the six districts of the twenty acre campus for cleaning, making walks, setting out flowers, and beautifying the campus. Then they marched out of the chapel, headed by the college band, down the drive, which formed a complete circle, and across the lawn each person as they passed begun gathering rakes, hoes, spades, and forks, and by orders of captains each company marches to its district and begun battling with chips and trash. At 1:30 p. m. the dinner bell was rung. The tables were charmingly arranged. Bishop Lee and family dined with the clubs. After responding to the many calls for toasts, the evening was given to outdoor enjoyments, ball game, sack and barrel races. A.W.R. Roberts was awarded the prize in the sack race; A. Coviugton, successfully won the prize in the barrel race; R. D. McDonald was the champion croquet player of the day. After awarding of prizes the students reassembled in chapel to carry out a literary program. Among the speeches made by students, S. M. McGrew received the highest praise, Miss Julia Washinton recited a piece which was charming. Miss Emma E. Johnson appeared on the stage and sang; her sweet voice is to be admired. The climax was reached by a forcible speech by Bishop B. F. Lee on "Loyalty to your School." The Bishop pictured vividly the loyal man and unloyal man. After the exercises the rest of the evening was spent socially. Wednesday morning, March 25th, President H. T. Kealing's mother died. Our sympathy and prayers are with the bereft.

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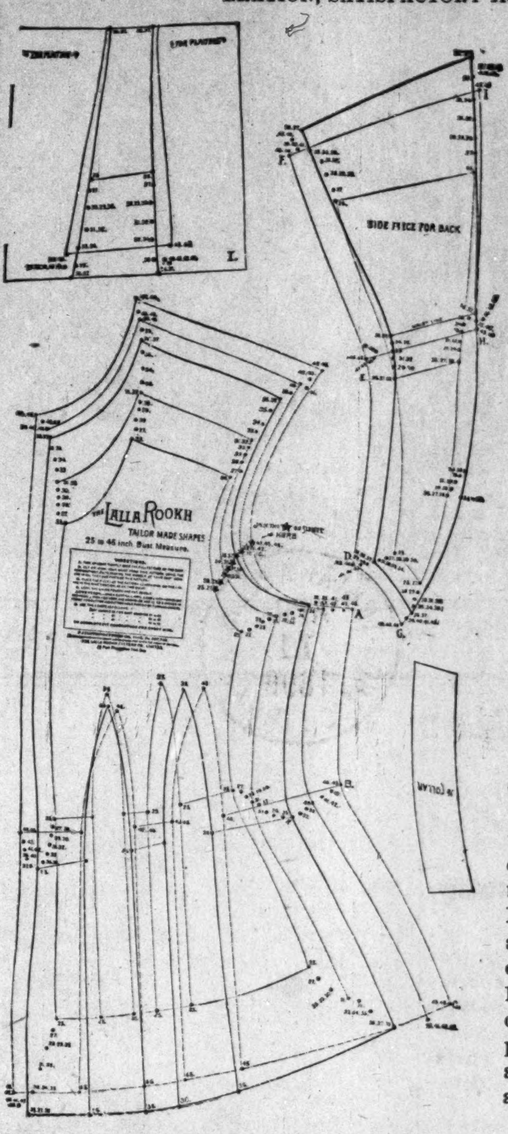

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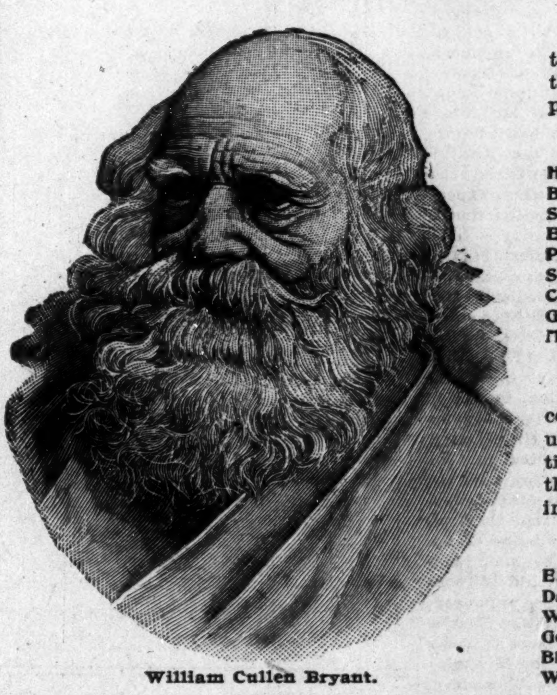
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CHAPTER XXXII.

CONCLUSION.

> "Thus far we chronicle, and now we pause,
> Though not for want of matter but—'tis time."
> —Byron.

THE LAST chapter in a novel or the last scene in a drama is a "superfluous abundancy." Long before the last chapter in the book or the last scene in the play, the reader or hearer knows the end. Just so soon as the villian is killed off or otherwise gotten out of the way, and the vice-hero (the man the author of the novel or story made you believe in the beginning was going to marry "her") steps out of the way for the real hero, the rest of the tale is told in ten words, to-wit: "And they were married and lived happy together ever afterwards," which is a base untruth, for no married couple ever lived who always lived happy together all their married life.

The author never reads the last chapter of a novel, and he should not expect the readers of this novel to do for him what he does not for his fellow authors, still a story without a concluding chapter or a play without a last act or last scene would be like a house without a roof. Paradoxical as it may read, the last chapter of a novel is a "superfluous abundancy" and an absolute necessity, hence this chapter.

April 14, 1895, was Easter Sunday. The following notice appeared in several Chicago newspapers on the morning of Tuesday April 16th:

MARRIED.

"Hardy-Wright—On Easter Sunday, April 14, 1895, at the residence of the bride at Parkersburg, O., by the Rev. William Jones, Miss Martha J. Wright to Mr. Andrew M. Hardy of the same town. K—— and C——, Va., papers the 'Farmer and Statesman' of B——, Conn., and the 'National Afro-American Fog Horn' of New York City please copy."

"Whatever became of Clark, Andrew?" Mrs. Hardy asked one day.

"I don't know Martha, my dear. He got in some trouble. He struck the woman that exposed our plot to you, Maud Clifford. Her employer (she had reformed by the way) was a lawyer and was about to push Clark to the wall. I stood his bail for $500 and told him to skip the country or at least the state of New York and he did."

One week later he remarked: "Here's a letter I got yesterday at the office; it was forwarded from B——; its from Clark and tells his whereabouts." He gave Martha the letter; it read:

"LIVERPOOL, ENGLAN,
"JULY THE 4TH, 1895.

"MY DEAR OLD FRIEND HARDI:—i now tak mi pen In Han to wright You er fue Lines this Letter Is Frome your Old fren mr. Joseph J. Clark Who Writ It hisself i am Here in englan in liverpool and i am wright in it i am mared to a english acterress She Is White and say Anday she is out of Sight We Runs a konsert hall and we owns it i no how to wright cause my wife learn me We make Lots of money they calls it Pounds here stead of dollArs did yo ever hear of that gall MartHa rite enny more i send £10 Pay up my Dus in the Virginia leg club wright to me our Place the american Hall liverpool England urope from your fren,

"MR. JOSEPH J. CLARK."

After Clark got out on bail and Hardy told him to leave the state he went back to P——. He remarked to himself: "Well, I be d— if everything aint dead against me. It's d— hard to have to skip for doing nothing and without a copper; now I have it; if I've got to skip I'll skip for something; I'll strike everybody and his brother for a loan and then skip."

He was well known in P——; he went to those who knew of his trouble and borrowed $25 or $50 "to pay the lawyer," from those who knew nothing of it he borrowed "for a few days" $50 or $60 "to send down home." He was smart enough to also get from O'Toole $100 in advance "to settle the case," and then quietly left P——, with about $900. He went to Hoboken, N. J., to see "Miss Lulu De Long the French lady actor" who talked him into taking her to her home in Liverpool where they were married and opened a second class concert and dance hall and coined money. Clark sent to Virginia and got a lot of plantation singers.

Maud Clifford's employer and a score of other Northern men of money bought and rebuilt a railroad running through Beaconsville, Va. He also bought half of the township and cut it up into building lots and removed to Beaconsville to look after his interests he went with his family. She met Banks who was down upon a visit. He remembered her and fell in love with her and married her, for no matter what her past life had been (and Banks, like hundreds of other men who marry strange women knew nothing of her past) she was now an upright, pious smart woman.

Dr. Thos. Jefferson Sykes has just told Martha who he is; when he dies she will be the richest Afro-American woman in the United States.

"All is well that ends well."

[THE END.]

Colored Printers Organize.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Dear Sir:—Will you please allow me space in your paper to say a few words about an organization that was organized in the city of Chicago by the colored printers about one year ago. There had been for quite a while in Chicago talk of organizing an association among the few colored printers, their purpose being to look after the interest of one another, and to study plans by which we could get employment, not only in colored offices, but in white, where we had been deprived of working and to also care for the sick worn out printers. We called a meeting of all colored printers at 2931 State street to organize the association at which meeting quite a number attended. We organized and elected the following officers: T. P. Rawlings, president; H. T. Tucker, vice president; B. W. Fitts, secretary; Wm. Haskins, assistant secretary; R. Lion Rhodes, treasurer.

The following week after organizing we received letters of congratulation from all over the country, some saying that they were surprised to know that there were any colored printers. Right here in Chicago we received several letters, expressing their surprise to know that a Negro was doing artistic job printing and setting type for newspapers, and several of our members received employment by this organization. We want the world to know that we have young men of our race that can compete with any white boy in any branch of a printing office, and all he needs is a chance to prove it. We have continued this organization in full blast all the year, We have our regular meeting every week.

Now, Mr. Editor, my reason for writing this letter is to have all colored printers to organize a local association on the same plan. We expect to call a National Convention in some city at some future date and organize just as the National Press Association is organized. By doing this we will grow stronger and will be a power in our business. My reason for sending this letter to The Freeman reaches the most colored printers in the United States. Therefore, I hope Mr. Editor, you will allow me space to speak to cur brothers of the craft. Thanking you for your kindness in publishing this letter, I am,

BERNARD W. FITTS,
2811 State St., Chicago, Ill.

Doings of the Conference Delegates.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Rev. T. S. Johnson united William Davis and Miss Emma Wellions, of Lagrange, Tenn., in marriage last Wednesday night. Rev. and Mrs. L. S. Jones are entertaining a new comer at their home in Arlington, Tenn. Its a boy. Quarterly meeting was held at St. Andrews A. M. E. church last Sunday. The quarterly reports were conversions and additions 107 collected for all purpeses $634.40. Rev. N. L. Bickham P. E. preached two able sermons on the occasion. The General conference delegates meeting at Nashville, Tenn, last week of the A. M. E. church was a success. Rev. Dr. J. N. Abby, of Memphis, Tenn., was indorsed for the editorial chair of the Southern Christian Recorder. Rev. C. S. Smith, D. D. M. D., for re-election as secretary of the Sunday school union and Rev. D. Tyree, received a complimentry vote for the Bishopric. It was decided that the A. M. E. Tennesee Congress be held in the city of Nashville, Tenn., during the Tennesee centennial in 1897. Rev. J. A. Davis was elected chairman of the excutive committee and Rev. T. S. Johnson secretary. There were about twenty ministers present and seven layman. The South Memphis district conference of the A. M. E. church will be held in the Mt. Zion church in this city April 21st to 24th inclusive. Mt. Olive C. M. E. church is engaged in revival meeting. Another Baptist church has been organized by Rev. R. G. Petty by taking a faction of members out of the Gilfield Baptist church. Mrs. Florence Berry is visiting friends in Clarksdale, Miss. Mrs. P. H. Polk, wife of Pev. P. H. Polk, Pastor of St James A. M. E. church, died Monday, March 23rd. She leaves a husband and two children. Her funeral was held at Tyler Chapel. Revs J. M. Holt, D. E. Asbury, S. L. Jones and T. S. Johnson officiating. Great preparations are being made by the pastor and members of Avery Chapel for the formal reopening of their church on Easter Sunday. Rt. Rev. M. B. Salter, D D., of Columbia S. C, will be present and officiate. Fred Allen and James Jorden, are the latest Freeman disciples. An excellent program will be rendered at St Andrews church on Easter Sunday, in which Mrs. Mattie S. E. Johnson and others will take a part. The Freeman is on hand each Saturday, at 68 avery St. Henry Owens is quite sick at his residence on Lucy Ave. Mrs. Ella V. Trigg, has recovered. W. P. Robinson has opened a furniture repair shop at 328 South St. Miss Sadie Reed is sick at 343 South St. John R. Hays has opened a meat shop in "Wallace Town" South Memphis. Nelson Cassel has gone to Little Rock, Ark. If you wish to be wise read the Freeman.

There was a cutting scrape between two men Thursday morning on Hadden avenue, the cause being a woman. No arrests were made. An investigation failed to disclose their names. The victim was cut about the throat. As a result of a crap game which was in full swing in the rear of the Milborn place Saturday night Fayette Phillips was shot and killed by John Mosley. Mosley made his escape and has not yet been captured; $50 reward is offered for his arrest. The long frame building near the corner of Eighth street and Gaines avenue was totally destroyed by fire Friday night. It was occupied by colored families. In the justice court of Squire W. O. Davis Tuesday sixteen men were fined $2 each for gambling Five of them paid fines, the remaining ones going to the work house. Last Wednesday a free for all fight took place on Quinby street in which Albert Blanton and his wife and Frank Blythe took part. Blanton was fined $2 and costs by Justice Guthrie for striking Blythe with a brick and striking his wife; he was put under bonds. Owing to the account of Charles Tindall, white, being murdered in the disreputable resort on Hadden avenue, Mollie Bates the proprietress and all inmates of the house were arrested and lodged in jail.

Charles Coleman and Jim Johnson, alias Anderson, were given five years in state prison for highway robbery; amount taken 35c. Judge Moss overruled a motion for a new trial in the case of Lizzie Moseley and Fred Dawes, colored and white respectively who were given one year each for miscegenation. They got six months in the work house. The woman was pardoned on aceount of her three little children. The attendance at the leap year party given at Mrs. McFall's on Linden street. Pat Sutton lost his mule last week, valued at $150. The Manhattan club entertained the 6th. Gus Pope and Miss Turner is out again. Miss Alice B. Cole is confined to her room on account of sticking a nail in her foot. Miss Lillie B. Hayes and Mrs. Celia Barnes are sick. Alex Cooper and Miss Capital Conway were married the 9th. A. J. H. Bass is working for The Freeman.

Meeting of the N. A. A. and U.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

The county meeting of the N. A. A. and U. was well attended at the Ferguson school house Friday night, Mar. 27, with L. J. Barnes, C. G. M. in the chair and a large force of delegates present. Supper was served by the following ladies: Mrs. Fannie Modley, Mollie Wade, Mollie Fluther, Amanday Smith, Rebecca Williams and Mary Burlis. Several of the delegates addressed the audience. Farmers will be late planting crops. The Freeman can be purchased at 15 cents per month form the agent L. J. Barnds, the headquarters for this paper is at P. M. Roger's barber shop. Mr. Rogers is a friend to The Freeman and a first class barber. We had a spiritual sermon at Fairview by Rev. N. B, Greer, of the C. M. E. church. Tempy Rogers is on the sick list this week. Corn is selling at $1.00 a bushel. Old man Miles Pierce died at the age of 120 years on the 30th of Mar.

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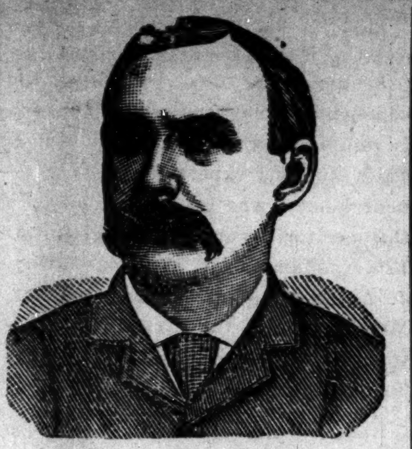

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
2937 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now, came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do.

Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
121-23rd Street.

A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to understand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good. It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself, I found him a sympathetic gentleman. He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient's hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at one what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truely and and heartily reccommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind, Rev. William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn,

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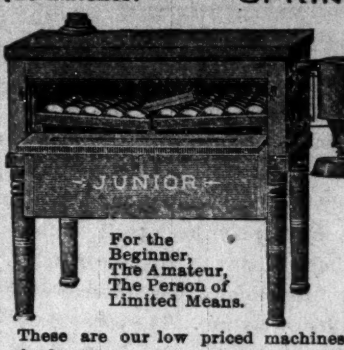

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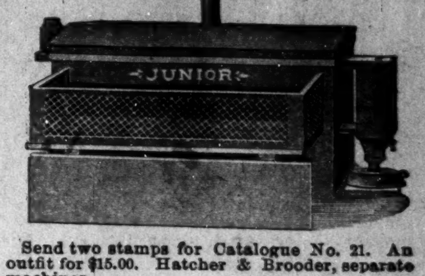

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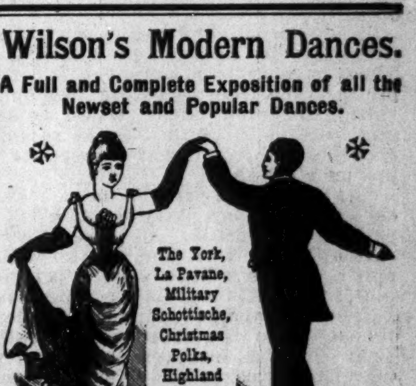

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SOUTHERN DELEGATES.

The Guardian, of Vicksburg, Miss., takes Hon. J. R. Lynch quite seriously to task for his attempt to minify the importance of the Southern delegates in nominating conventions; owing to their inability to help elect a president. It is a deplorable fact that, in a country which is supposed to be synonymous with liberty, freedom, etc., that any part of the country should by any means or processes be denied the right to give free expression for the choice of persons that it would have represent it. The persons so situated however should not be held responsible for the existing conditions. It is not very likely that the individuals hailing from those parts will ever attempt to foist a candidate upon the whole party whose nomination would inimical to success. It is at this point where the real danger lies. The Guardian very forcibly says:

> "We are confident that we voice the prevailing sentiment of Southern Republicans when we assert that they do not want to dictate, direct or control the party, or without outside assistance nominate its candidates. They know they could not do this, and they have no such foolhardy and unreasonable thought.
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> "They do not, however, want to be silenced in the House of their friends. They have their preferences, and to prevent them from discussing them and voiting for their choice would be as unreasonable and unjust as the recent vaporing of Lynch was unnecessary and uncalled for,
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> The Republican party is not a close corporation, it is a party of and by the people. Its portals, like those of salvation, stand ajar, and all who will, may absorb its grand and lofty principles, imbibe its progressive, protective and reciprocal inspiration, and under its banner, to its quickstep, contribute their energies, however humble they may be, to that accumulated wisdom, foresight, polity and policy, which has made this country a model for tottering monarchies and this century the most wonderous in the cicle of civilization.

WHO WILL IT BE?

It is a fact that the colored man who is nominated and elected to the legislature from this county, will be the Moses of his party. Too close a scrutiny can not be had. The colored people from this city do not care to be belittled by any man on account of his excessive presumptionness. A buffoon in legislative chambers, though a Negro, is not the order of the day. High toned intelligence or nothing should be the open sesame. He needs be no paragon of virtue, nor a brilliant scholar, but he should be the possessor of a good degree of education, and blessed with good common sense. He should be ready to serve the people in and out of season. He does not need to be a Halifax, a trimmer nor a Heep, a toadyist. He should be of and for the people, with no selfish aims to gratify, nor towering ambition to administer. If such an aspirant is on the hustings, he is the man. The position is no sinecure, nor estate entail.

THE BOOMS.

It is said that Mark Hanna recognizes the booms of Reed and Allison only. In accordance with this idea he has sent a letter to Iowa discouraging the McKinley activity in that State. Mr. Hanna displays keen political foresight in this move. He accords Mr. Allison freedom from interference within his own state. The other states with favorite sons, viz: New York, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Illinois, Kentucky, are considered common territory. It is held that the booms of Morton, Bradley, Davis, Cullom and Manderson are simply diversions to lessen McKinley's chances. Bradley being worsted in Kentucky in the interest of McKinley, Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, meeting his Waterloo and two delegates for McKinley in New York go for towards establishing the claims of the sagacious Hanna.

CUBAN BELLIGERENCY.

The House of Representatives has adopted the conference report on the Cuban resolutions by a vote of 244 to 27. The following are the resolutions:

> "Resolved, That, in the opinion of Congress, a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed and for some time maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba; and that the United States of America should maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers, according to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States.
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> Resolved, further, That the friendly offices of the United States should be offered by the President to the Spanish government for the recognition of the independence of Cuba."

It goes without saying that this will be welcome intelligence to the Cubans. Cuba's prospects will be buoyed up. The ineffectual attempts of Weyler to crush the rebellion is having reactionary effects. Proclamations nor pronunciamentoes do not win battles, nor blight the hopes of patriots.

GRIFFITHS GAINING STRENGTH.

The contest over the Republican nomination for Governor in Indiana is growing quite spirited. There are more than a dozen avowed candidates, and the stables are full of dark horses. So far three or four of the most prominent men appear about even in the course. The Hon. John L. Griffiths, of Indianapolis, a sketch of whom appeared in last Saturday's Commercial Gazette, is gaining strength every day, and promises to be at least abreast of the swiftest at the finish. Mr. Griffiths is one of the cleanest men in the contest, and one of the ablest in the country. There would be no occasion to defend him at any time should he be nominated. He is a brilliant lawyer, an orator of very attractive attainments, and he has rendered his party and the country eminent service on the stump in many campaigns with no selfish aim in view, and without any exyectation of reward. Mr. Griffiths is a good man to keep your eye upon in this contest.

COLOR NOT A BAR.

Color is not a bar says the New York M. E. Conference:

> "Thursday last a delegate to the conference suggested that the church was not doing enough to bring colored folk into the fold. Instantly the Rev. C. H. McAnney, who has been a central figure throughout the conference, arose and in emphatic language opposed what he termed class legislation. He also made an attack on the late Frederick Douglass, calling him an ingrate and a renegade Negro. Wednesday morning Dr. Lyon, of St. Mark's church, West Fifty-third street rose, and after a stirring speech on behalf of his race submitted the following resolution among others:
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> "That we hereby declare that merit, fitness and character should be the qualities upon which preferment should be predicated for the highest offices in the church rather than the accidental and incidental matter of race color.
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> "Resolved, That we here reiterate the declaration so clearly announced by the General Conference of our church, that color is no bar to membership or office in the Methodist Episcopal church."

The resolutions were adopted unanimously. If there is any virtue in resolutions the gates to preferment in this great organization are wide open.

The colored voters of Baltimore, Md., are contending for a fair representation in the choice of delegates for the St. Louis Convention. By a set of resolutions they have declared they should have at least four of their own color. The Standard complains of broken pledges on the part of the present regime.

The Enterprise of Omaha, Neb., came out with a ten page woman's Easter edition last week, worthy of the commendation of the race. The idea is unique in race journalism and is quite up to any expectation. The eminent women who have contributed to this meritorious number are as follows: Ella L. Mahammitt, Mrs. E. E. Guy, J. A. Childs, Josephine Sloan Yates, Mrs. E. Turner, Comfort Baker, Victoria Earle Matthews and Mrs. Booker T. Washington.

Bruce Grit, the versatile Negro correspondent, in a long letter to the Florida Sentinel, adds by way of P. S. that Morton will be the man. It is proverbial that the P. S. is often of more importance than the body of a letter.

Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett, the noted agitator, is the recipient of a youthful agitator in the person of son and heir. May he inherit his mother's tendency for usefulness in the years that may be allotted him.

Hon. Leopold Levy, of Huntington, is a candidate for State Treasurer, subject to the Republican nominating convention. Mr. Levy stands well up in his party; he doubtless will be favorably considered.

The McKinleyites are still very active in New York. A league has been formed with Geo. C. Matthews, one of the McKinley delegates, as president. It is receiving many accessions daily.

The advent of the Harrison button is causing quite a flurry. A slight depreciation in some leading stock is noted. Just how the button arrived is the question.

C. H. J. Taylor, Recorder of Deeds, Washington, D. C., now hailed as the greatest Negro Democrat, will speak in the near future in Providence, R. I.

The color line question in the St. Louis hotels is assuming huge dimensions.

An alliance between Spain and Great Britain would prove highly interesting.

Acquitted of a Serious Charge.

Hempstead, Tex., Special,

M. A. Grace is the manager of the the White Elephant Saloon, and he is connected in many other ways with various things. He is the E. D. M. in the U. B. F. Jacob Freeman, a good and highly respected citizen, died on the 3rd, inst. He was buried from the M. E. church of which he was a member, with A. K. of L. honors. Mr. Freeman was beloved by all. Tuesday night 31st ult., at 8:30 o'clock Ella Armstrong was shot and killed by Willie Jones. Eleven buck shot having entered her body. Jones is still at large. One Saturday night in last month the house of Mack Robinson, (white) was burglarized, and as a result Mason Beaver was locked up for the offence. The only evidence against him being the dogs, as they are termed, tracked him. He was acquitted of the offence. The U. B. of F. and S. M. F's. are to have their annual sermon Sunday 12th inst., at the Mt. Corrinth Baptist church. Rev. H. L. Davis preacher, Rev. P. A. Stamps alternate, M. B. Lilly, master of ceremonies. The old famed White Wing B. B. Club is again in the field with Pearl C. Reed president, Henry Smith manager, A. L. Davis Captain, and are practicing for the coming season. Read The Freeman, for sale at Kilpatrick's barber shop and by P. C. Reed, John W. Hubert is the authorized agent and correspondent.

Palm Sunday Observed.

Pontiac, Ill., Special.

Beacon Light Tabernacle gave an enjoyable social at the Second Baptist church, Tuesday, the 31st, ult. John Hamilton lectured, Subject, "The Progress of the Afro-American of the 19th century." The chorus consisting of Miss Winford, Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Ford, Messrs. Wise, Franklin, Hill and Ford sang some very nice songs, after which supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Barnes entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harris and daughter. St. Mary's Court had their Palm Sunday services last Sunday week. Rev. J. Jameson, of Bloomington, delivered an eloquent address. After the services an elegant Tea, was served to the Master Masons and their wives. Mrs. Carrie Heath, the Most Ancient Matron, made everything pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Harris of Dwight, Ill., and Mrs. Mary Rollins, of Springfield, Ill., were the guest of Mrs. Hamilton last week. Rev. J. Peterson of Joliet, delivered a good sermon last Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church. Miss Mayme Coins gave a party in honor of Miss Peal Talbott of Braidwood, Ill., last Monday evening. The evening was spent in games, music and recitations. Mrs. G. Sommerville of Joliet, Ill., was the guest of Mrs. M. Barton a few days last week. The Fred Douglass Society will hold their Douglass memorial program Friday evening.

LIVELY RACE.

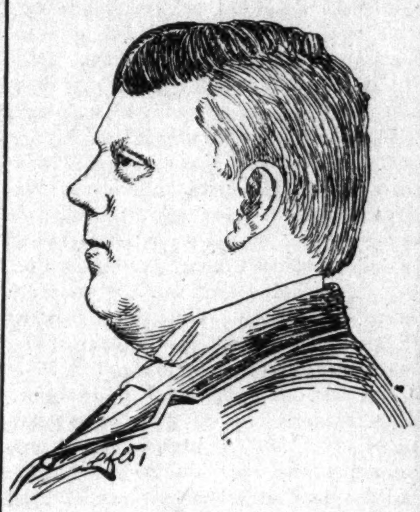
Indiana Gubernatorial Contest Growing Interesting.

From the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

The assurance of Republican success in Indiana, which makes the nomination of any good man equivolent to an election, has brought forth a larger number of candidates for nomination for the Gubernatorial chair than have ever before presented themselves. There are fifteen announced candidates.

A leading and influential Republican said the other day while discussing the question, that the logical candidate for Governor was Hon. John L. Griffiths, and that his candidacy was constantly growing in favor. Mr. Griffiths is a lawyer with the highest reputation for ability and integrity. He is acknowledged as one of the best orators in the West. His speeches are clear-cut, logical and convincing.

As an evidence of his popularity, it may be mentioned that of the five Republican candidates for the Legislature from Marion county in 1886, Mr. Griffiths and a Labor Republican were the only ones elected. During the bitter political turmoil in the Legislature of 1887, Mr. Griffiths' ability placed him as the recognized leader of his party in the House. His speech nominating Benjamin Harrison as the Republican candidate for U. S. Senator, was a model effort of oratory, taking rank along with the recent brilliant efforts of Ex-Governor Foraker in his nomination of Governor McKinley for President at Columbus.


HON. JOHN L. GRIFFITHS.

His reputation acquired in the Legislature in 1887 materially aided him in his candidacy for Reporter of the Supreme Court in the Republican convention of 1888. From the time the campaign opened in 1888 till the polls closed, he engaged in the work of rallying the party, and materially contributed to the National and State victory of that year. In every campaign since that year he has taken the leading part in the discussion of political questions before the people of the state, and his services have been demanded in other states, to which call he has readily responded.

Mr. Griffiths is as well known outside of Indianapolis as in his own home, having freely given his services to all sections of the State in political campaigns for the past sixteen years. His canvass is being conducted quietly and earnestly by representative Republicans in different parts of Indiana, who feel that he would be fully equal to any emergency that might arise in the executive office. He takes a deep interest in all matters of public concern and has never been known to shrink when called upon to discharge a public duty.

Mr. Griffiths is now in the prime of life, being just forty years of age. He has been called upon to take part in campaigns in New York, New Jersey and throughout New England.

Mr. Griffiths private life is without blemish of any sort. It would be safe to say that with all the search lights thrown on nominees for office nothing could be discovered that would not add to his reputation. The indorsement of his candidacy on the part of many of the leading newspapers of the State shows the high regard in which he is held.

KNIGHT TEMPLARS CELEBRATION

Easter Observed — Death of a Well Known Young Man—Personals.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Miss Ida P. Staughters was out Sunday after a serious illness. Peter King is on the sick list. The students of the State University are jubilant over having secured the Auditorium to have their commencement exercises in on the 21st, prox. Thos. R. Hammonds made an address at the Twelfth Street Sabbath School Sunday morning. Easter services were held in most of the churches Sunday morning. It being usual for the Fifth Street Baptist church to have large congregations, the announcement that Rev. John H. Frank, the pastor, would speak about the "Fire Escapers," caused an enormous crowd to throng the church. Rev. Frank selected the subject, "There will be false prophets among us," for the occasion. He spoke at length about the scandal brought on the race by those school teachers who narrowly escaped a "fiery" grave. He treated his subject beautifully from a moral vien, and discorded it entirely from a spiritual point of view. Rev. Evans Tyree delivered a famous oration in the Center Street C. M. E. church to a crowded house Sunday afternoon, in observance of Easter services. The Knight Templars of the city composed of the Cyrene No. 1, Alpha No. 4, Mt. Calvary No. 12 and Palestine No. 15, Commanderies, held their Thanksgiving services in Jacob Street A. M. E. Zion church, with Rev. J. H. McMillen officiating. Rev. McMullen delivered a master discourse, on the theme of the "Resurrection of Christ." One of the special features of the occasion was the singing of the chorus. The K. T.'s made a fine appearance. Quite a crowd assembled at the Twelfth Street A. M. E. church Sunday evening. The choir favoring them occasionally with a sacred concert. Rev. R. T. Anderson, of the St. Paul M. F. E. church, delivered his favorite text of "Dry Bones in the Valley," to a fair sized congregation Sunday evening. An inestimable degree of sorrow among both young and aged was occasioned Wednesday evening, by the death of W. E. Mitchem. Mr. Mitchem graduated from our high school with the class of '95, and was just reaching the age of 20 years. While at his school in Henderson, Ky., he was taken ill and after fruitlessly trying to overcome the illness, he returned home, where he remained for two weeks, then succumbed to the inevitable. He was buried from the Merciful Savior church, of which he was a devoted member, and was also connected with the Episcopal Society known as St. Andrews' Brotherhood. Mr. Mitchell was loved by all who knew him, and was the only son of a greatly attached mother. Appropriate resolutions were offered by his class and alumni association. The case of Prof. W. F. Peyton and W. H. Goodall has been continued. The outlook is bad. The Easter festival given at the Knox's Presbyterian church Monday night, was quite a success.

Under the Mistletoe.

Calvert, Tex., Special.

Monday, March 30th, one of Calvert's pretty and most popular young ladies, Miss Stella E. Watson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Watson of this city, and I. B. Clements of Houston were married. The ceremony was performed at Bethel Baptist church at 8:30 p. m. by the Rev. John B. Rayner. The church was beautifully decorated with choice flowers and evergreens. The aisles were strewn with flowers by six little girls, namely Annie Hill, Minnie Watson, Dora Streeter, Ella Johnson, Willie Taylor and Ethel Denmon. The bride and groom were married under a huge bell of artistical designs decorated with flowers and evergreens with streamers of bunting formed an arch, and Miss Juanita Woodard, Calvert's favorite pianist, played the wedding march. High above their heads, planted in the large and beautiful bell, hung the American flag. She wore a white satin, handsomely made, with pearl trimmings. Miss Mary Lacy, the first bridesmaid, wore a cream crepon trimmed with white satin ribbon. Miss Mary Rayner the other maid, also wore a cream crepon beautifully trimmed with ribbons and lace. The groom, as well as his two best men, Earl Ross and John Anderson were handsomely clad in becoming attire of the latest fashion. After the marriage ceremony the bride and groom were driven to the United Brothers of Friendship Hall where the reception was given, followed by a large host of friends. The hall was beautifully decorated under the auspices of Olive Temple No. 13, Sisters of the Mysterious Ten. The refreshments were too numerous to describe, as was the splendid array of useful and valuable presents tendered by friends. The music was furnished by Calvert's matchless string band and those who desired danced. The happy groom and his pretty bride left on the 12:30 southbound central train for Houston their future home. Too much praise cannot be given Mrs. Mamie E. Fant, Mrs. Tennie Payne, Mrs. Nellie E. Foster, Mrs. Hattie Williams, Mrs. Alice Massey and many other good sisters of the temple of which the bride is a member for lending their aid in the management of the reception that made this occasion one long to be remembered. The Freeman is the most popular paper that comes to the city.

Easter in High Style.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Prof. Graham of Corinth, Miss., brother of Geo Graham of our town, was here last Sunday and made an able address at the Sunday school. The K. of P. of Sheffield had an annual sermon preached at the C. M. E. church last Sunday by Rev. Green the pastor. The order was conducted by Sir Will Gray. It was a nice affair. Easter was observed here in high style. The I. O. I. and Queen Esther's Court made a grand display. The lodge marched to the A. M. E. church at 2:30 where an instructive sermon was preached by Rev. A. A. Sensabough, pastor. In the altar was seated D. W. Austin, C. C.; Wm. Handy, W. M.; W. T. Breeding, Chaplain, and Miss Mary Gray, assistant chaplain. The choir rendered excellent music and deserve special mention. Miss Julia Meredith organist. Miss Julia Finley has just closed a successfully school at Cherokee, Ala. The Tennysonian Literary meeting was lively last Friday night. The subject, "Resolve that we do not patronize our business men and mechanics" was skillfully handled by Rev. T. B. Moppins on the affirmative and Rev. A. A. Sensabough on the negative. Both gentlemen made fine arguments, but decision was given in favor of the affirmative. Misses Mattie Walker and Mollie T. Ross passed the county examinations last Saturday. Quite a number of our friends from Sheffield were over last Sunday to the Easter service. The A. M. E. church was prettily decorated for Easter. It was original and the credit is due Rev. Sensabough. Miss Madora Abernathy has returned to Leighton. Among the teachers paid off Saturday were Misses Josie Elliott, S. E. Noil, Hattie Clair, J. M. Brewer, R. L. Hyde, Will Abernathy, C. W. Carnes, J. W. Walker, and Miss Julia Finley. Miss Fountain's solo at 3:30 was fine indeed.

Clarinda, (Ia.) News.

Rev. W. O. Hutchinson, white, preached at the A. M. E. church for Rev. Alexander. Mrs. White is in Keokuk visiting relatives.

An Honest Man's Story.

Greenvillage, Pa., Jan. 23, '96.

Dear Sir:—Thank God there is a medicine that will cure catarrh. Mr. Pretzinger I used your sample box of catarrh which you sent me. The first night I used it, it helped me. May God bless you for your kindness. I used the little box you sent me and half of a 50 cent jar. They keep it in Chambersburg. I have told a great many people about your medicine. Hon. 'Squire Britton, brother-in-law to me, is using it; he says it is helping him very much; he has catarrh very bad. Mrs. G. D. Ludwig, daughter of me is using your medicine. I use it in the evening before retiring to bed and am feeling better now than I have for the last five years. My head is clear and I have more energy for work and business. Before I used your medicine I felt many a time that I did not care whether living or dead; I had no energy; I did not care for anything I had catarrh over sixty-seven years; mother had catarrh and it turned into consumption; she died in her sixty-fourth year. I have a farm up at Strasburg, seven miles from Greenvillage. On nice days I drive up to the farm and work. Mr. Pretzinger I think it would pay you to have it put in all the Franklin County papers as I am a reliable, honest man, so the people say, middling well acquainted over the Country.

Yours truly,
Geo. K. Zollinger.

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Social Events.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Miss Florence Brown entertained Friday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parks: Those who attended were Frank Wilson, Hiram Wilson, Bert Brown, Jasper Boyd, Levi Bates, Arthur Allen, Frank Evans. Miss Fannie Cooper, Bessie Hackley, Catherine Wilson, Savinia Lewis, Helen Lewis, Lucintha Wilson, Mattie Butler, Elah Hackley, Thomas Woodford, Sylvester Phillips, and Miss Parks. The Douglass Club met Tuesday evening at the A. M. E. church. The program was well carried out as follows: Music by the choir; remarks by Rev. Farrier; reading, "Sketch of the Life of Napoleon Bonaparte," Edward McCay; "Some day, Some time we will Understand," Miss Anna Stafford; "The Color Line drawn in Hamilton Club," Mrs. S. S. Wheatley; "Early History of Kalamazoo," Mabel Hill; "The Widow of Douglass," Elah Hackley; "Colored and Indian Soldiers," Josephine Hamilton. Mrs. Sarah Cross and Mrs. Tempa Botts of Chicago are visiting their sister, Mrs. Louise Bolden. Miss Mary Weaver has returned from Cassopolis. Mrs. M. J. Bell has returned from Chain Leake where she has been holding revival meetings. She left for South Bend Wednesday. Mrs. Emily Wheeler of Dowagiac is the guest of Mrs. Jessie Ridgley. Mrs. Melessia Clayton of Battle Creek is visiting her sister Cora Letts. Easter services were held at the A. M. E. church. The Knight Templars and the Eastern Star were out in full regalia. Services were at the Second Baptist church in the evening.

A New Church Organized.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special.

Harvey Franklin of Richmond, is in the city. He will take a position with the New Aveline. We are glad to note that Mrs. Rebecca Smith is improving. St. Paul Chapel of R. A. M. will meet on the 21st. All companions are requested to attend. The Baptist will organize a church in this city this week. Rev. Wm. Miller will conduct the meeting. James Smith will organize a lodge of R. A. Masons at Muncie soon. The Royal Grand Matron of the order of the Eastern Star will visit Matchless Chapter the 15th of this month. Easter services was well attended at the A. M. E. Sunday school. The program rendered by the juvenile class was exceptionally good while the A. M. E. choir, in their fine style, introduced some new pieces which gives credit to the choir. The essays by Mrs. Rhoda Jones, Mrs. Black and Mrs. W. H. Brown were very good. Miss C. Jeffries of Churubusco, is visiting Miss Olla and Eva Brown. Please be ready to pay for your paper when your agent comes to see you as he will call soon for the first time.

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BY REV. R. L. PATTERSON.

MR. EDITOR—I desire through the courtesy of your widely circulated journal to urge the claims and eminent fitness of Dr. J. P. Sampson, P. E., of Lancaster District of the Philadelphia Conference, for the editorship of the A. M. E. church Review. A gentleman of large experience in journalism, effective church work; having pastored many of our best churches during fourteen years in the pastorate, a graduate of the National Law University of Washington, D. C., of the best schools of Boston, a graduate of the Western Theological Seminary, for several years a teacher in the public schools of New York, a professor in a Southern College and superintendent of Freedman schools under General Howard; he is one of the most widely known public men we have. The Philadelphia Tribune of this city, said in a recent issue:

> We are glad to note that our old friend, the Rev. J. P. Simpson, is being pushed for the editorship of the A.M.E. Review. In the event of his election he will carry into the office rare abilities as a writer and thinker, unswerving patriotism to all the interests of the A. M. E. church, and a breadth of charity toward all men, a virture which is not the good luck for every man to have, neither by inheritance or by acquisition.

He is the author of several books, his "Mixed Races" and "Jolly People," have had possibly the largest sale of any colored book. Within the pages of his "Mixed Races," are letters of the highest commendation from Douglass, Bishops Turner, Tanner, Drs. Theo. Cuyler, Deems, Blyden, and the late Dr. Garnett, who says I've known Mr. Sampaon for many years. When a lad in the public schools of Cambridge, as a teacher in the public schools of New York, as editor of the Colored Citizen, Cincinnati, as superintendent of Freedman Schools, and as government official at Washington. I have always regarded him not only as a leading man among us, in the cause of education and the elevation of the race, but as a gentleman of the highest respectability and personal integrity. The Britanica as well as Appleton's encyclopedia rank him as a journalist, and among the best literary men of our times. He is liberal, commends the ability of the other candidates, promises to increase the circulation of the Review and publish it monthly.

DEATH OF A GOOD WOMAN.

A Mock Convention—The Boy Preacher —Walnut Hill Notes.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Easter services at all the churches were grand. Each church was handsomely decorated with flowers. The committees deserve great credit for their good work. Dr. F.W. Johnson was in Xenia last week to confer with the trustees of Wilberforce as to the establishment of a medical department at the University. Mrs. Valentine, a member of Allen Temple, sang Sunday night at the Easter services and fainted. She was carried out, called a doctor, after which she was removed to her home on New street, where she died in twenty minutes. Mrs. Valentine will be missed. She was a good singer and a church worker, always ready to do what she could. She leave a son and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Baptizing will take place at the Union Baptist church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Quarterly meeting at Allen Temple Sunday April 19th. The orphan fair will open April 20th at the above named church. Wm. Priestly of Chicago, addressed the Zion literary society last Monday night. The house was crowded, the delcamation by little Maud Evans brought down the house. The Phyllis Wheatley Literary Society has a mock convention in session; see the report next week. The house was crowded last Tuesday night. Hon. Harry Jordan, Mr. Coleman, Mr. McDuffey and others are in the fight for president. The delegates are looking for a dark horse to appear. Thomas Penn, formerly of Chattanooga, Tenn., says he will meet the Southern Democrats at the Chicago convention next Fall. The musical and literary concert given at the First Baptist church, Walnut Hills, April 9th, was a grand success. Much credit is due Misses Irene Lewis, Dora Buckner, Messrs. Andrew De Hart and C. C. Goode. The April fool concert given at St. John's A.M. E. Zion church was a grand success and will be repeated in the near future. Zenith Court No. 1, I. O. O. C. will give a concert at Union Baptist church April 28th. Rev. E. A. Wilson of Atoka, I. T., known as the boy evangelist, after spending a successful week at the First Baptist church, Walnut Hills, left for Louisville, Ky., Tuesday. The Walnut Hill people were well pleased with Mr. Wilson. He preached his farewell sermon last Monday night to a crowded house. In his stay there were eight persons added to the church. A collection of $35.79 was raised Sunday night for Rev. Wilson. All want to know when the boy preacher will come again.

WALNUT HILL NEWS.

The annual thanksgiving sermon of the Order of Immaculates was preached by Prof. A. J. De Hart at the First Baptist church last Sunday. The concert given at Brown's Chapel last Monday night was a success. Mrs. Emma Hawkins is better. For some time past the lady has been a victim of a peculiar nervous disease. Mrs. Carrie Massey Austin is on the sick list. Brown's Chapel church showed forth a picturesque scene Easter morning. Various birds of gaudy plumage and many sweet flowers adorned the pulpit and the chandeliers. Rev. A. Tolbert delivered a most eloquent sermon. George Washington left last week for Chicago. His family will join him in a few weeks. Frank Humphrey, 1130 Foraker avenue and Miss Freda Payne of Charleston, W. Va., were united in marriage April 4th. The leap year party given by Benj. Lundy lodge 1661 G. U. O. of O. F. was well attended and a financial success.

John Webb, Jr., who recently moved to the Hill is very sick at his residence. Chas. Downs of Chattanooga, who has been sojourning here for quite a while is contemplating a visit to England this summer.

Sunday School Exercises.

Bloomington, Ill., Special.

An Easter exercise entitled "Victorious King" was rendered by Mt. Pisgah Baptist Sunday school: Song, "Hail the Gladsome Day," by the school; prayer, Rev. J. H. Barton; address, Willie Davis; scripture reading, Miss Allie Headley; address, Carrie Malone; quartette, "All Victorious;" recitation, "Easter Buds," Van Barton; solo, "In the Valley Growing," Stella Kelly; recitation, "The Little Easter Hen," Agatha Barton; quartette, "Sing it with Joy;" recitation, "The Boy that Laughs," Willie Davis; duet, "In thy Love," Mrs. Turner and Miss Headley; recitation, "Christ is Risen," Cassie Barton; solo, "Summer Days," Clara Malone; Easter gems, infant class; quartette, "In Thee my Soul is Stayed;" recitation, "For Lo He has risen," Clara Malone; closing remarks, Superintendent A. Shope. Rev. A. Barton, our pastor, preached a good sermon at night, subject, "The Ressurrection of the Dead." Meetings were well attended all day. The people enjoy The Freeman very much.

Marion Pickings.

Marion, Ind., Special.

Easter was observed here in the most appropriate form Sunday at the A.M.E church the pictorial presentation was excellent. The flowral decorations was grand and the committee is deserving of great praise. J. M. Nickles handled the choir well in the Easter services. Rev. T. C. Wilson preached at Hill Chapel Sunday afternoon and reported a very good time. Rev. T. C. Wilson preached a very interesting sermon Sunday night, subject, "This Mortal shall put on Immortality." Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gaskins of Kokomo, were in the city Sunday. Arthur Smith was in the city Sunday from Hartford City. Mrs. S. E. Julius failed to secure a divorce in her suit against S. E. Julius. Hail Jordon and Wm. Furgerson were over from Wabash Sunday. The Second Baptist church had a very enjoyable time at their church Easter Sunday.

Closing of School.

Lynnville, Tenn., Special.

Easter services were conducted at the A. M. E. church on Sunday by the pastor, Rev. R. J. Hogg. A large audience was in attendance and seemed much interested in the sermon. The services were conducted Sunday evening by Rev. J. P. Sebastian, the State Missionary of the Tennessee Conference which proved to be a success. After a successful session the Lynnville school closed Tuesday evening with appropriate exercises. The welcome address was delivered by the Rev. R. J. Hogg, president of the educational board, which was an appropriate one. After the close of the exercises an address was delivered by Prof. J. R. Abernathy. For the Freeman apply to Rev. R. J. Hogg, agent.

Birthday Celebration.

Corsicana, Tex., Special.

Miss Myrtle Chestnut daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Chestnut celebrated her tenth birthday Wednesday April 1st at 4:30. The weather being cool, they took to out door sport in the shape of foot ball, the girls proving victorious. Those present were Misses Lelia Applewhite, Lillie Hollands, Adelaide Nelson, Georgia Watts, Master Arthur Lee, Rodrick Johnson, Burl Moody, Harris Moody, Sammie Chestnutt and Foster Nelson, Miss M. V. Chestnut, hostess. Wm. Perry will open his ice cream parlor in a few days. G. W. Williams, F. Nelson and Robt. Durham were out fishing and hunting recently. S. J. Chestnut made a flying trip to Dallas on the 31st ult. Jack Smith is the popular headwaiter. Miss Sarah E. Taylor is on the sick list.

Social Happenings.

Coldwell, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Mealie Wilberman and Dinah Peppers visited Mrs. Mary J. White Saturday last. Mrs. E. Elkins is on the sick list. Mesdames Martha Cannon and Sallie Mullins spent Sunday 5th inst., with Mrs. Ready Stokes. Mr. Allen Watson has moved to Louisburg. The Rev. T. R. Moore and wife spent a few days with Mr. Jas. A. Stokes and mother recently. The Easter sermon preached by the Rev. T. Y. Moore of Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., to Coldwell Lodge No. 382, of I. O. I. was fine. R. O. Laws, Esq., will soon become a member of the I. O. I. Lodge No. 382.

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Leap Year Entertainment.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.

Lombard Street A. M. E. church was crowded Thursday evening, the 2d, inst., with the members of the congregation and friends, the occasion being a Leap Year entertainment and concert. The concert was a success in every particular, and the manager, C. H. Riley, deserves great credit. Union Commandery No. 1, K. T., met on Friday evening March 27th, at the Masonic Temple, it being their annual conclave. The Grand officer and his cabinet were present for an official visit to the Commandary. The officers were elected and installed for the ensuing term. Preparations are being made to celebrate ascension day with divine services. Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, R. R. Johnson, and Grand Master at arms, W. A. Croston, went to Frankford on Sunday on an official visit. Mrs. C. J. Beardsley, who has been ill with la grippe, is able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, of Trenton, N. J., is visiting their brother Edward Hultz, and are the guest of Mrs. Wild, 1228 Lombard street.

Quietly Married.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

At 9:30 a. m. and 3 p. m. the Easter exercises took place at Berry's Chapel. The church was nicely decorated. Rev. A. C. Johnson and Miss Woodruff were quietly married on the 20th at the residence of Mrs. Bell Smith. Miss Woodruff is from Pine Bluff and has a position as teacher in the city school at this place. Rev. A. C. Johnson is also a teacher in our school, and the pastor of the A. M. E. church at this place. They are wished a long and happy life by all. Rev. H. W. Williams is on the sick list at this writing.

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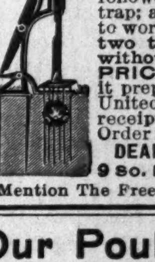

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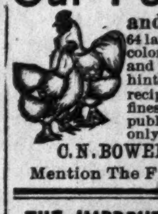

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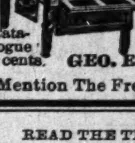

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His Mature Judgement and Noble, Upright, Christian Character Eminently Fits Him for the Place. A True Race Man.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

The near approach of the general conference of the great A. M. E. church, and the important business to be transacted by that body in Wilmington, N. C. next May, is causing considerable comment in our race journals. Even the great daily papers of the nation consider the matter worthy of consideration and comment. Observing these facts and also that The Freeman takes interest in all matters of race interest, I feel sure that your numerous readers all over the country would be interested in the views of the greatest colored church in the west, on the subject. The matter which interests us most, is the election of bishops to fill vacancies in the veneral board of A. M. E. bishops. Particularly so, for the reason that your distinguished statesmen and our pastor, Rev. James M. Townsend is prominently mentioned as a candidate for the high ecclesiastical honor. Rev. Townsend having been our leader for three years, we naturally have some views and preferences in the matter. I voice the sentiments of two thousand Quinn Chapelites together with numberless friends and sympathizers, when I say that Rev. Townsend's mature judgment, infinite tact and christian character, particularly fits him for a place in the Bishops board of the A. M. E. connection. A thorough student of men and minds, he has so endeared himself to this community that only under such conditions would they consent to release him. All classes from lowest to highest respect and revere him. There are none so low that he will not stoop and extend a hand of brotherhood, none so high that he fears to denounce if in line of his duty. He is distinctively a race man, and is ready at any and all times to plead or fight for his people. The evidence of his popularity as a preacher shows in the fact that he has received more than one thousand new members into the church in less than three year's time. His business ability has been shown in the way he has completed Quinn Chapel and reduced its debt to a remarkable degree, notwithstanding the extreme hard times. His previous history is too well known to your readers to require any repetition here. Suffice it to say that the church West and Northwest are united in a demand for J. M. Townsend for bishop to be elected next May, and there is little doubt that sufficient support will be received from Eastern and Southern delegates to make his election a certainty. W. S. DOSTON.

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Memorial Exercises.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

W. L. Martin, candidate for South Town Clerk, is making a gallant fight. J. L. Fleming, formerly of the Memphis Free Speech, and later connected with one or two Chicago papers, has gone to St. Joseph, Mo., to take charge of the National Protest. A. H. Roberts, a young man of some prominence in third ward politics, has been admitted to the Hamilton Club, one of the most prominent political and social clubs in the city. He is the first colored man to be admitted to any of the leading white clubs of Chicago. Memorial exercises were held at Quinn Chapel Sunday night, the 29th, ult., in honor of the late James E. Campbell, who died in Pomeroy, O., in January last. Mr. Campbell had lived in Chicago only a few months, but had made many friends among some of the most intelligent and best people of the city. The program was cleverly executed, but the eulogy by Judge W. H. A. Moore, of the Chicago Morning Record, deserves special mention. C. W. Brown, the contractor who has been quite ill all winter, is able to be out at present. Dr. B. Mitchell has removed from 2502 to a most commodious office at 2528 State street. He regards The Freeman as one of the best advertising mediums in the country. The Block Patti company gave a concert at Quinn Chapel Monday night. The audience was only fair. The local talent did not come up to expectations. The Chicago Conservator has a new associate editor. t is a little boy about eight days old. The colored press congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Barnett. Thirty-six men will be elected aldermen in this city Tuesday.

Will Organize a Literary Society.

Tyler, Tex., Special,

Mr. Van Boyd made a flying trip to Waco last week Miss Ida M. Hill was on the sick list last week. Jas. H. Wilson will organize a literary society in the near future. Miss Exa Watson has returned home from her school in Mineola. Subscribe for The Freeman and keep posted. S. D. Harrison says The Freeman is the best paper he ever read. The U. B. of F. and S. M. F's. are doing a grand work in this city. A festival was given at Lincoln Hall on the 29th ult., under the auspicies of the A. M. E. church. Dr. Shields went to Austin last week as a delegate to the Republican Convention. Mrs. S. D. Harrison is still confied to her bed. Miss Lula Reece went to the country Saturday evening to spend Sunday with Miss Laberta Warren. The A. M. E. church is making rapid progress under the adminstration of Rev. Lee.

Mrs. Dollie Jackson died last week at her home in East Tyler. She was a member of the S. M. F's. Prof. B. Davis was in the city last week and gave a concert at the C. M. E. church to a crowded house. It was a creditable entertainment. The professor sings well and caught the audience. Miss Mattie Anderson was musician. Miss Hall, the accomplished musician, has returned to the city after a lengthy visit to her home in South Carolina. Prof. Day is conducting an independent school at the A. M. E. church. If you are not a sucsriber for The Freeman and want to become one, you can call on the agent, I. E. Kennedy, as we will not have a newsboy in the future, but Tyler locals will appear as of old. Rev. R. O. Williams of Greenville, has moved to Tyler, and will make this his future home. Mrs. Dr. Ferrell gave a grand concert Friday and Saturday nights at the C. M. E church, which was a grand success as usual. We have two colored doctors here in the persons of Drs. R. F. Ferrell and Shields. Send us all news of interest and we will gladly appreciate it. Subscribe for the Freeman; you have no excuse as you once had, you can see your city in the columns. Appreciate it by subscribing for the paper.

Resolutions Adopted.

At a meeting of the Chicago Union Club on last Saturday evening in this city, H. H. Garland in the chair, John G. Jones addressed the meeting on the worth of public men and offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

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WHEREAS, Since the death of the late Frederick Douglass the colored people of this country have been deprived of a leader;

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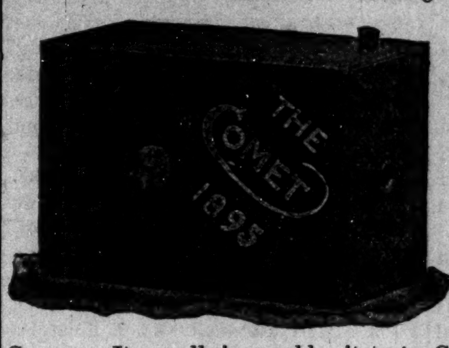

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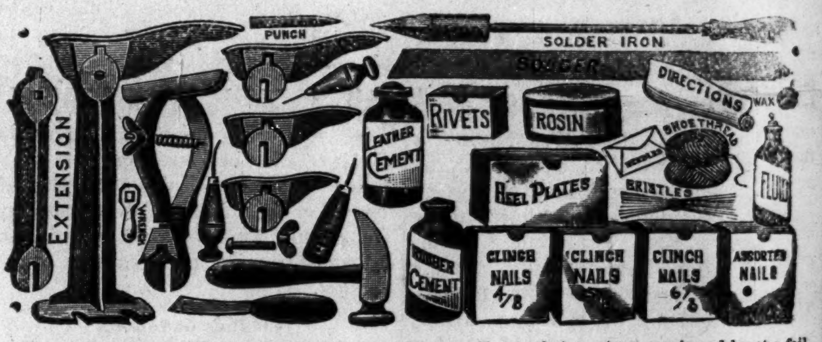

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CHAPTER III.

I am unable to paint the sad picture of these two unhappy families now presented. It is far easier for my readers to imagine than for me to attempt to describe, and I am free to confess that it was worse than anything I have ever read in print or heard of the same kind told. The arrests became the leading topics in the two counties, to-wit: Norfolk county and Princess Anne county, between both white and black, rich and poor, bond and free. It was the opinion of friends that the unhappy young men would be ultimately discharged. With such views they somewhat gave ease to their bereaved families, and the time between the arrest and the trial was occupied in collecting evidence to establish the young men's innocence, and securing able counsel for them by the two old gentlemen—their fathers. The day of the trial was awaited with hopeful anticipation. The day of hopes and fears at last arrived, and all that were older than myself went to attend the trial, which was only a mockery of justice.

The charge of forgery was added to the charge against my brother, which was only a pretext to get him more fully in their power. It was claimed that he forged the name of Wilson Nash to a check and gave it with a forged free paper to one of Nash's slaves, who ran away North. These charges could have been easily disapproved, but as our witnesses were all people of color, their evidence would not be taken, and according to the predetermination of their accusers and judges, the two young men were brought in as guilty. All hope had now fled from both parents and children, and William and Samuel were again placed in the dismal house of confinement which they had left so short time before with hopeful expectations. Alas! those hopes were now blighted, and they had to remain in prison and hear themselves dishonored and numbered among the transgressors; to hear of their parents and friends agony; to bid adieu to all that made life dear to them. Their parents returned home, as further efforts for them were useless. They could only mourn over the condition of their unhappy sons, and our house was truly a house of mourning (for greater is the mourning over the living than over the dead.)

The jail in which William and Samuel were placed, was, as I before stated, in the city of Portsmouth, in Norfolk county. It was a large brick building, made after the order of Southern jails, with large rooms for the accommodation of slave holders, that they may be able to put many slaves in one room. The walls of these jails are from three to four feet thick, covered on the top with broken glass, set in mortar with the sharp ends up. This wall went all the way around the jail. The room in which William and Samuel were put was on the first floor above ground, and was about twelve by fourteen feet, one window in it, which was secured by iron bars. In this same room were also several free persons of color, also several bond men. The slave men were taken out almost every day to be looked at by would-be buyers, and put back at night. William and Samuel had not received their final sentence, although it was well understood what that sentence would be, viz: To William five years in state's prison, and Samuel eighteen years at hard labor in the state's prison. There was left them no way out of this unjust doom, no way to get rid of their relentless foes, but by escape, which was next to an impossibility, as they had not even so much as a jack knife in the whole company. An opportunity at last presented itself to them. A master having got angry with one of his slaves, had the man cast in jail with them; this man had in his possession a very large jack knife, which by some oversight of the jailer, was not taken from him. As soon as it was known that there was a knife in the company, a plan was arranged to free themselves, William and Samuel acting as leaders. The plan was to cut through the wall, which was sealed on the inside with a double tier of white oak about three inches thick. These planks were nailed cross-wise of each other with large iron spikes or nails. They cut through the planks; as they had no place to hide the chips, etc., that came from the wall, they put them under their sleeping blankets and slept on them. The hole in the wall was covered by my brother William hanging his coat over it. It must be kept in mind that their work could only go on in the night, as they were strictly watched during the day, and the smallest chip or piece of brick that might have been seen by the jailer, would of course, arouse suspicion and cause an inspectian of their room.

In order to guard against this, they were careful to have everything cleared up before the jailer made his morning visit, at which time he would come in and cast around a keen look and depart. He would also before he closed the gates of the jail in the evening, walk all around it in the yard, and put his ear to the walls to hear if anything like work was going on inside, hearing none he would retire. William & Co. would then continue business, but after they had cut about half way through the wall, the owner of the knife was released from confinement and carried his knife with him. Lucky for the prisoners, they had cut through the wood work and had nothing to contend with but the cemented bricks. These, however, made great trouble, and all hope fled from many. Persevering genius and the love of liberty, however, would not let their leaders yield to despair. They were determined to go on with the undertaking alone. One went into the hole and worked until he was exhausted and was pulled out by the legs. They soon were joined by a slave man by the name of "Jack," whose skill, ambition and strength of body and mind are not often surpassed. He was placed in the jail to wait the making up of a party of slaves to be sent to the New Orleans market. "Jack" was faithful and true to the last. The next that joined them was a free man named Jeremiah Bracey, of whom I shall have occasion to speak hereafter. These four encouraged each other and carried on the work (I believe the total number in the room were twelve). There was another difficulty besides the prison and yard walls. There was kept in the jail yard by the keeper, a large bull dog, which watched at all times, both day and night. The dog they managed to make friends with by feeding him with the best part of their food, and then patting him on the head through the bars. This being accomplished and the wall broken through with the exception of the outside tier, they prepared for the last blow. A very small hole was pierced through and the light from the outside let in. They then stopped for a night or two and held a council of war, and planned for their escape. The last day in the jail was spent planning how they would scale the prison walls. It was resolved to make a rope of their blankets and tie a bundle of brick to one end and throw it over in the street. This rope they were to climb up and get over the wall. The eventful night came, the hole in the jail wall was made larger and they passed through and met their newly made friend—the bull dog—that was placed to watch over them. He met them on friendly terms. The bundle of brick was made fast to the rope, the end of which was taken by William and "Jack" and thrown at the top of the wall, but—alas! it did not go all the way over, coming down again on the paved yard of the jail with a terrible crash, spreading terror on all except the four heroes. They again took it up and with a mighty effort, succeeded in throwing it over. By the aid of the rope they all soon found themselves in the streets of Portsmouth, making their way to the woods which invited them to her shelter.

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Situation in Texas.

EDITOR FREEMAN.

The present political situation in Texas is indeed interesting, and the indications are that there will be, one way or the other, a mighty revolution in governmental affairs. The Democratic party is "split" from centre to circumference on the Money question, and Chairman Dudley and his committee has been accused and abused for the disruption. The Galveston Daily News, the leading Democratic organ in Texas, predicts that unless the two factions come together on the monentary question and unite their forces, the Populists and Republicans will likely form a coalition and carry things their own sweet way.

Says The News: "There are 90,000 Republican voters in Texas, and if the bulk of them swing into line with the Populists it does not require an inspired prophet to foretell the result"

There have not been any considerable talk of the Populists and Republicans combining their forces for the approaching gubernational contest, but if they come to such an agreement, and find the Democratic party still disunited, the name of Democracy in Texas will be changed to "Dennis." The political pot is boiling hot, and local politicians are almost as plentiful as jack rabbits are in the Brazos bottoms. Political conventions are now fashionable, and the cry "Mr. Chairman" can be heard reverberating quite a distance. A noticeable feature about the Republican conventions held in Texas this year is, that not a few of them ended in a "split," and on one or two occasions six-shooters were introduced, and a pandemonium was the result. GRANT S. NEAL.

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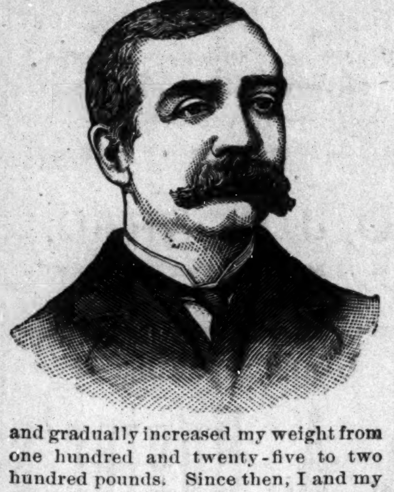

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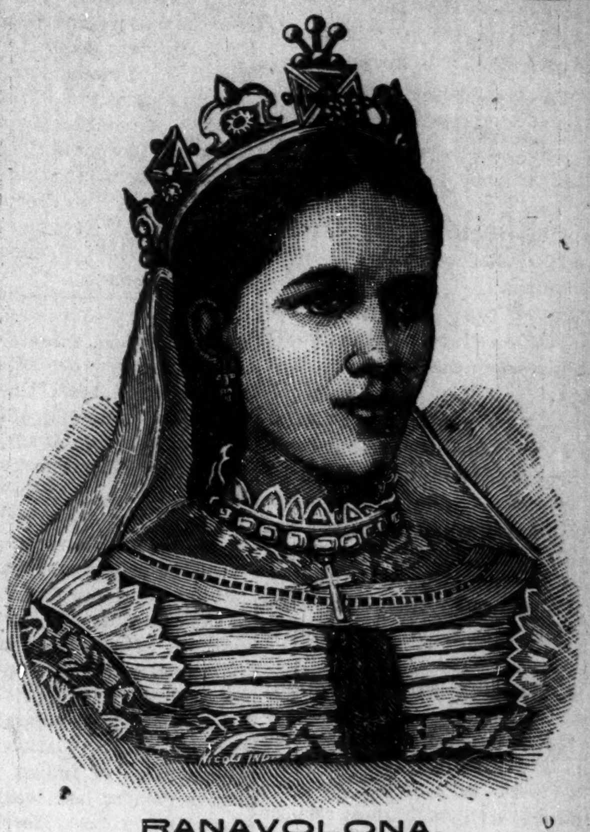

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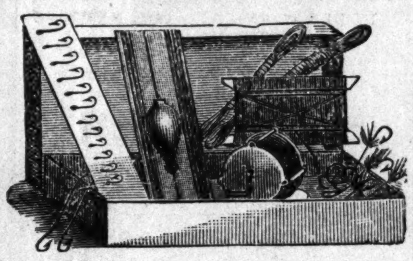

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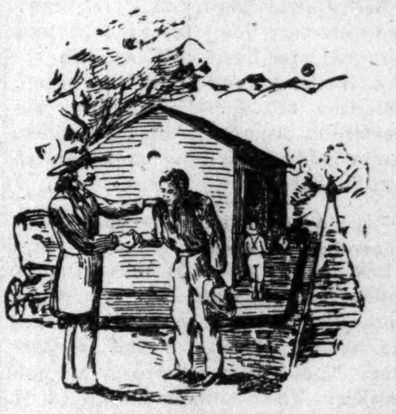

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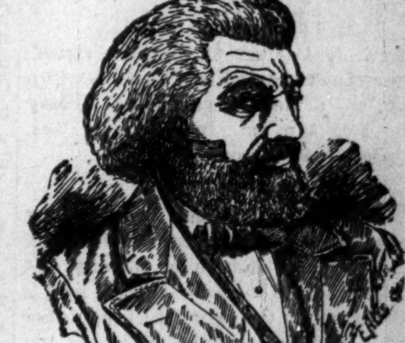

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Thomas Fossett, of Muncie, was in the city this week.

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Miss Nora Roberts, of Kokomo, is the guest of friends this week.

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Easter services was observed at all the leading churches throughout the city.

Messrs. Robert Riffe and Clayton Walker, of Muncie, spent Sunday with W. D. Branham.

Miss Callie B. Garvin and Mrs. Maggie Green were visitors in Muncie last week. They were the guests of Mrs. Eliza Lacy.

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Mrs. William Francis and little son accompanied her sister, Mrs. Nellie Works, to her home in Hamilton, O. Mrs. Works has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Davison, for several weeks.

Walter Flemming will leave on the 15th for Cincinnati, O., where the Central State Despatch office has been moved. Mr. Fleming has been employed as clerk in this office for six years, and has won the highest respect of his employer.

J. O. Corley, M. D, a graduate from the Illinois Health University, of Chicago, will begin the publication of the Physio Medical Journal, or the People's Medical Rights about April 20th. Office and editorial rooms No. 131 N. Meridian street.

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NOTICE.

Miss C. B. Knox has formed an art class. Miss Knox teaches drawing and painting from nature or antique, and will be pleased to have anyone who is interested in the work, call upon her at 321 W. North street.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Bishop H. M. Turner was the guest of Rev. T. W. Henderson Friday and Saturday of last week.

Rev. James M. Townsend, D D., of Chicago, Ill., lectured at Allen Chapel last night, subject: "Braving the Current."

Dr. Harry Furniss, late of Washington, D. C., is again one of us. He will practice with his brother, Dr. Sumner Furniss at 90 W. New York street.

Dr. Sumner Furniss was elected president of the Herculean club on Thursday last.

Joseph King, of Lebanon, was in the city Tuesday.

The Lincoln Literary Meeting.

Fayettsville, Tenn., Special.

Easter was observed at the A. M. E. Church on Sabbath. The church was beautifully decorated. Misses Annie Rhodes and Anna Buchanan won the two gold goose eggs by finding the Easter hen nest. Solon McGaw, the colored artist and inventer, presented the Sunday School with a beautiful white cross. Lincoln High School graduating class has elected Miss Bettie Todd as Salutatorian. Miss Mary Rhodes as valedictorian. The gold medal will be contested for by the following ladies and gentlemen: Misses Mary McDonald, Bettie Todd, Adaline Smith, Mary Rhodes, Mrs. Viney McGaw, and Messrs. Jackson and Caleb Reece and S. M. Summerford. The Teachers Institute held an interesting session last Saturday. Miss M. E. Dobbins taught history. The Lincoln Literary met last Thursday night. The debate: "Resolved that nature is more attractive than art," was decided in favor of the negative. Nine persons were baptized last Sunday at the A. M. E. Church. A number of the Lincoln county teachers think of attending the State Teachers Association at Chattanooga in June. Don't borrow The Freeman; buy it. It is worth all you pay for it. Get it either at Willie Common's store or of Willie M. Jones.

Wedding Bells.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Isiah Caraway and Miss Lena Hunter were married April 5th, at the home of the brides mother on Main street. The wedding was a quiet affair, there being only a few intimate friends and relatives. Rev. A. B. Wimberly officiated. The bride and groom will reside at their home, 424 Marian street. May their future be bright and happy. The Republicans of the twelfth district, met at the Court-House April 2nd, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the County Republican Convention, which meets in this city April 11th. Andrew Hopkins and Miss Sarah Keesee were married in S. Clarksville April 2nd. Henry Jones of Indian Mount, Tenn., was in the city last week. Willie Harrison and Albert Harris of Kennedy, were in the city last week. Mrs. Emma Jackson died at her home, No.410 Commerce street, April 1st, after a long illness of consumption. Mrs. Jackson was for years a leader in society here. The funeral was conducted by Father Popes the deceased being a member of white Catholic church. Richard Cross died at his home in East Clarksville April 1st, of la grippe, which led to a complication of disease. Mrs. J. W. King of St. Bethleham, was in the city last week. The little grand son of Mrs. J. H. Hill is sick at this writing. G. W. Hill will visit Hopkinsville soon. Robert E. Hill read The Freeman and says it is the greatest paper published.

Quarterly Meeting Held.

Lansing, Mich., Special.

Miss Julia Lucas of Owosso is visiting relatives in this city. Mrs. Florence Allen spent Sunday in Detroit. Miss Ida Grady is visiting in the city. Rev. G. R. Collins of Jackson was here on business last week. Robert Thurman is here. Miss Frankie Smith of Niles is visiting her sister. Quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. church the 29th. Presiding Elder Alexander did not arrive until Tuesday. Special Easter services were held at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening under the auspices of the Sunday school and the W. C. T. U. Remarks were made by W. S. Miller. Papers were read by Miss Carrie Snodgrass, Mrs. Wm. Jones and Mrs. Jackson. The songs and recitations by Ethel Crawford, Viva Butler, Cora Jones, Valera Crawford, Dotty Bell, Carrie Byrd, and Cyrel Crawford were very fine. Several selections were rendered by the choir. Miss Elnora Healand presided at the organ. Collection $10.25. The church was beautifully decorated. Special servicees will be held at the Zion Baptist church next Sunday.

A New Reading Room.

Gainesville, Tex., Special.

Rev. A. T. Ayers is arranging to build a reading room for the young men. Rev. B. M. Stradford preached the annual sermon for the Eastern Star. The Rev. Stradford is an able speaker. The discussion at the C. M. E. church last Thursday night was quite interesting. Miss Laura Richard's son visited the country last week. Prof. C L. Dunn has just closed a very successful term of school. Mrs. Barber is on the sick list. Mr. Blackman has opened up a barber shop on Commerce street. Two white men who attempted to blow up the cemetery with dynamite are now in jail. Mrs. Gertrude Baker is in the city for medical treatment. Both churches held Easter services last Sunday. Mr. Brooks died last Thursday and the funeral was held at the C. M E. church on Friday evening.

Literary Meeting.

Clarksville, Ark., Special.

Rev. B. J. Finney has built two sets of stone steps to our church—one on each side of the belfry, and has filled the front walk up. The teachers, members, and all enjoyed Easter Sunday. In our literary society the following persons rendered some very fine pieces, viz: W. S. Corpier, essay, subject "Time;" R. L. Newton, recitation; W. M, Thomas, recitation, subject "Respiration and the Voice;" Master M. W. Reid, naming some cities in Europe. If any one loves their race, if you love yourself, if you want to help yourself, see W. M. Thomas and get The Freeman, then enjoy the news it gives you.

Installation of Officers.

Helena, Ark., Special.

Easter exercises were conducted a all of the churches last Sunday. Rev. Sigmond Ragowsky, a Jew of Louisville, Ky., preached an interesting sermon at the S. B. C. last Sunday morning, subject "The Jewish Passover." The installation of officers of the B. A. C. A. S. No. 115 will take place Tuesday night the 14th. Mrs. Charity Jones who has been sick for nearly a year is improving. Two of the young ladies of the S. B. C. presented the pastor of S. B. C., Rev. E. C. Williams, with a nice coat and vest for an Easter present. Harrison Peters has purchrsed the shop fixtures of the deceased John H. Washington and is now prepared to serve their customers in first class style. Dr. P. W. Clark is the medical examiner for the Golden Circle. The different lodges and societies are trying to perfect plans to build a hall.

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